



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 15, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“To promote the goal of rehabilitation, it is essential that all juveniles housed within our camps and halls have regular access to communication and visitation with their families or guardians. This communication is a key process in family reunification, and telephones are one method of communication for many of these juveniles.

“Often the costly alternative of using pay telephones in our halls and camps becomes a prohibitive burden on families and precludes the ability of these juveniles to remain in contact with their parents and loved ones. In order to ensure that all juveniles have the ability to maintain these critical contacts, the Probation Department should develop a policy of providing cost-free telephone access for all juveniles in our custody and care.”

Therefore, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that the Chief Probation Officer be instructed to:

1. Formulate a policy which clearly defines the rights of juveniles detained in Los Angeles County facilities to secure cost-free access to and usage of telephones in order to promote communication with their families; and
2. Report back to the Board within 30 days with this written policy and plans for policy implementation.

Supervisor Antonovich made a suggestion that Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion be amended to include the Chief Executive Officer in formulating the aforementioned policy; and to also direct the Chief Executive Officer to include what the impact of this policy would be in its report back to the Board on May 15, 2008, for discussion by the Board at its May 27, 2008 meeting. Supervisor Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Antonovich's amendments.

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After discussion, Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, was unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent).

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